EXHIBIT A

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1 2 3 4 5 6 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 7 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA 8 MICHAEL F. FOY, IV, a single or No.: married person, 9 (Removed From Maricopa County Superior Plaintiff, Court Case No. CV2021-016818) 10 **DECLARATION OF STACEY F.** 11 **GOTTLIEB IN SUPPORT OF** 12 JENNIFER VINSON, a single or NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF CIVIL CASE married person, and JANE DOES I-X, 13 WHITE PARTNERSHIPS I-X, AND BLACK CORPORATIONS I-X, AND 14 MUNICIPAL ENTITY I-X, 15 Defendants. 16 17 18 I, Stacey F. Gottlieb, upon my oath depose and state: 19 I am an attorney with the Berke Law Firm, PLLC and represent Defendant 20 Jennifer Vinson in Maricopa County Superior Court Case No. CV2021-016818 the ("State 21 Court Action"). 22 2. I provide this declaration in support of Defendant Jennifer Vinson's Notice of 23 Removal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441 and 1446 and LRCiv 3.6(b). 24 3. True and correct copies of all available pleadings and other documents 25 previously filed in the State Court Action, as well as a copy of the docket printed on December 26 7, 2021, are appended to this Declaration as Exhibits 1 through 7, and consist of the 27 following: 28 -1-

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Exhibit	Filings in Maricopa County Superior Court Case No. CV2021-016818	Date Filed	
1	Plaintiff's Complaint and Summons	10/28/2021	
2	Plaintiff's Certificate re Compulsory Arbitration	10/28/2021	
3	Defendant's Unopposed Motion to Extend Time to Respond to Complaint	11/28/2021	
4	Civil Cover Sheet	10/28/2021	
5	Declaration of Service of Process on 11/7/2021	11/10/2021	
6	Order Extending Time to Respond to Complaint	12/3/2021	
7	Copy of the Maricopa County Superior Court Docket	n/a	
	Printed 12/7/2021		
I declare ι	under penalty of perjury under the laws of Arizona and th	e United States	
America that the foregoing is true and correct.			
Dated this 7th day of December, 2021.			
By: /s/ Stacey F. Gottlieb			
BERKE LAW FIRM			
	1601 N. 7 th Street, Suite 360		
Phoenix, AZ 85006 Attorneys for Defendant Jennifer Vinson			
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In the Civil Matter of:

MICHAEL F. FOY, IV, a single or married person.

Plaintiff,

Vs.

JENNIFER VINSON, a single or married person, and JANE DOES I-X, WHITE PARTNERSHIPS I-X, AND BLACK CORPORATIONS I-X, AND MUNICIPAL ENTITY I-X.

Defendants.

Case No.:

CV2021-016818

COMPLAINT IN TORT

(Jury Trial Requested)

Assigned to The Honorable

NOW COMES, MICHAEL F. FOY, IV (Plaintiff) a single person, and for his, COMPLAINT IN TORT (Complaint) against JENNIFER VINSON (Defendant); wherein, he alleges as follows:

JURISDICTIONAL ALLEGATIONS

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- 1.) At all times, pertinent to this cause of action, Plaintiff has resided in Maricopa County, State of Arizona.
- 2.) Defendant, a single person, at all times herein mentioned was and is a resident of Maricopa County, State of Arizona, when all of the acts and omissions stated proceedingly in this Complaint occurred.
- 3.) The acts and omissions upon which Plaintiff's Complaint is based all occurred in Maricopa County, Arizona. Venue is proper in this Court. This Court has jurisdiction over the Parties and the subject matter of this Complaint. The jurisdictional amount established for filing this action in this Court has been satisfied.
- 4.) John and Jane Does I-X, White Partnerships I-X, and Black Corporations I-X, and Municipal Entity I-X are persons, partnerships, corporations, unincorporated associations, body politics, and public agencies subject to suit in common names whose full names are unknown to Plaintiff; therefore, designated by fictitious names pursuant to, The Arizona Rule of Civil Procedure 10(f).

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS AND CLAIM

- 5.) Plaintiff avers that Defendant on an unknown date created a website that has the URL https://metoophoenix.org/ to which various defamatory statements were made against him and as of this filing that said website that contains said defamatory statement is still operational. In particular Defendant made statements of him committing a criminal act; thus, Defendant's statement is defamation per se.
- 6.) In particular Plaintiff avers that Defendant has made statements of him committing a criminal act; thus, Defendant's statement is defamation per se. Plaintiff avers that as

such statements said type of statements fall within the category of defamation per se, as such damages, by law, are presumed.

7.) Therefore, Plaintiff avers that Defendant has defamed him from which damages have occurred; hence, he seeks a judgment for same.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests the following relief:

- a.) That this Court determine if Defendant's statements were defamatory;
- b.) That Plaintiff is entitled to an award of his damages per se;
- c.) For any and all further relief, as the Court deems just and proper.

RESPECTFULLY submitted this 2 day of October, 2021.

Jost L. Brand, Esq.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Maricopa

Michael F Foy IV

Plaintiff(s),

v

Case No. CV2021-016818

Jennifer Vinson Defendant(s).

SUMMONS

To: Jennifer Vinson

WARNING: THIS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT FROM THE COURT THAT AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS. READ THIS SUMMONS CAREFULLY. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT, CONTACT AN ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL ADVICE.

- 1. A lawsuit has been filed against you. A copy of the lawsuit and other court papers were served on you with this Summons.
- 2. If you do not want a judgment taken against you without your input, you must file an Answer in writing with the Court, and you must pay the required filing fee. To file your Answer, take or send the papers to <u>Clerk of the Superior Court, 201 W Jefferson St Phoenix AZ 85003 or electronically file your Answer through one of Arizona's approved electronic filing systems at http://www.azcourts.gov/efilinginformation.
 Mail a copy of the Answer to the other party, the Plaintiff, at the address listed on the top of this Summons.</u>

Note: If you do not file electronically you will not have electronic access to the documents in this case.

3. If this Summons and the other court papers were served on you within the State of Arizona, your Answer must be filed within TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS from the date of service, not counting the day of service. If this Summons and the other court papers were served on you outside the State of Arizona, your Answer must be filed within THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS from the date of service, not counting the day of service.

Requests for reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities must be made to

the court by parties at least 3 working days in advance of a scheduled court proceeding.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Superior Court of the State of Arizona in and for the County of Maricopa

SIGNED AND SEALED this Date: October 28, 2021

JEFF FINE Clerk of Superior Court

By: CECILIA CUELLAR Deputy Clerk



Requests for an interpreter for persons with limited English proficiency must be made to the division assigned to the case by the party needing the interpreter and/or translator or his/her counsel at least ten (10) judicial days in advance of a scheduled court proceeding.

If you would like legal advice from a lawyer, contact Lawyer Referral Service at 602-257-4434 or https://maricopabar.org. Sponsored by the Maricopa County Bar Association.

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CERTIFICATE OF ARBITRATION

Assigned to The Honorable

The undersigned certifies that he knows the dollar limits and any other limitations set forth by the local rules of practice for the applicable, Superior Court, and further certifies that this case is not subject to compulsory arbitration, as provided by Rules 72 through 76 of, The Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 28day of October, 2021.

By: Joel L. Brand, Esq.

THE LAW OFFICE OF JOEL L. BRAND

COPY of the foregoing hand-delivered this 25th day of October, 2021, to:

Superior Court Administrator 101 W. Jefferson 3rd Floor Lobby Phoenix, AZ 85003

By: Carriena J. Schulder

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UNOPPOSED MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO RESPOND TO COMPLAINT (First Request)

(Assigned to the Honorable Randall Warner)

Defendants.

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Defendant, Jennifer Vinson, through undersigned counsel specially appearing, respectfully requests an extension of time to respond to the Complaint in this matter from November 29, 2021 to December 16, 2021 to accommodate undersigned counsel's schedule in light of other deadlines and the intervening holidays. Counsel for Plaintiff Michael F. Foy, IV has stipulated and agreed to this request as reflected in Exhibit 1, but because of the holidays he was unavailable to sign a stipulation. Accordingly, Ms. Vinson respectfully requests that the Court enter the proposed Order submitted with this Motion.

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¹ Plaintiff served the Complaint upon Ms. Vinson's tenant on November 7, 2021 at a location that is not Ms. Vinson's residence. Because November 27, 2021 is a Saturday, the deadline for the response is November 29, 2021. *See* Rule 6(a)(3), Ariz. R. Civ. P.

²By entering this special appearance, counsel for Defendant preserves any and all jurisdictional defenses to be addressed in an appropriate responsive pleading.

DATED this 28th day of November, 2021.
BERKE LAW FIRM, PLLC
By <u>/s/ Stacey F. Gottlieb</u> Stacey F. Gottlieb
Attorneys for Defendant
The foregoing document was e-filed
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In the Superior Court of the State of Arizona In and For the County of Maricopa

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Plaintiffs

Michael F Foy IV

Defendants

Jennifer Vinson

Discovery Tier Level: <u>Tier 2</u> Amount claimed: <u>\$200,000.00</u>

Case Category: <u>Tort Non-Motor Vehicle</u> Case Subcategory: <u>Slander/Libel/Defamation</u>

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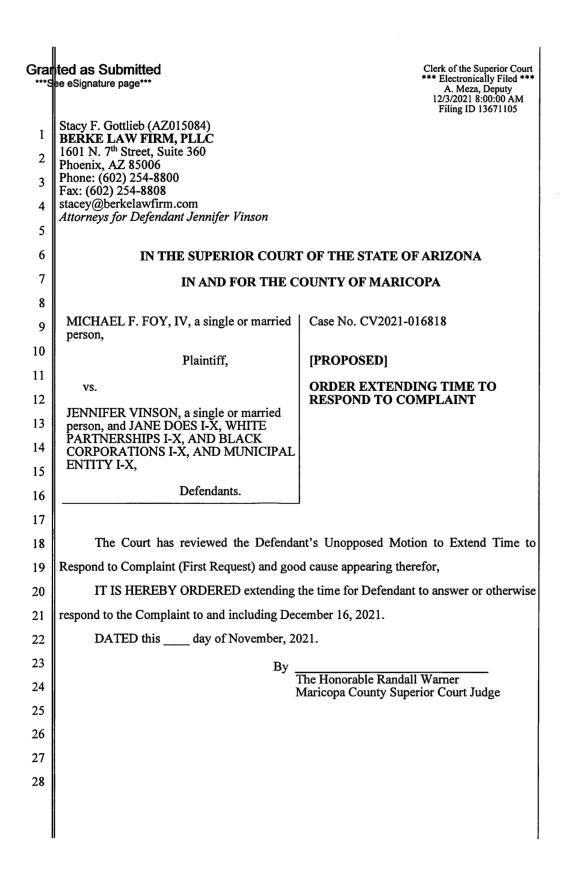
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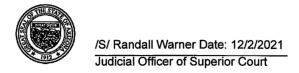
1 2 Janet R. Tefft, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that she is fully qualified to serve process 3 in this cause, having been so appointed by the court. 4 5 That she received from THE LAW OFFICE OF JOEL L. BRAND, ESQ. #020114, on October 28, 2021 6 the instruments and documents described below: 7 8 SUMMONS / COMPLAINT IN TORT /(Jury Trial Requested) / CERTIFICATE OF ARBITRATION 10 11 That true copies of these documents were personally SERVED as below: 12 13 UPON: JENNIFER VINSON, A SINGLE WOMEN, BY SERVICE UPON: ISMAEL. (LAST NAME IS 14 UNKOWN, AND CO-RESIDENT WITH JENNIFER VINSON). 15 Description: M/MID-EASTERN/ 5'10"/190lbs./Black hair/40yrs.old/ 16 17 DATE AND TIME OF SERVICE: NOVEMBER 7, 2021 @ 3:57 P.M. 18 19 20 SERVICE WAS EFFECTED AT: 2214 S. KACHINA DRIVE, TEMPE, AZ 85282 21 22 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Arizona that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. 23 Executed this \(\sum_{\text{alg}} \) day of November, 2021 at Scottsdale, Arizona. 24 25 26 Service Fees: \$65.00 Badge # 5196 **Affiant** 27 28 \$65.00 **Total Charge for Service:**



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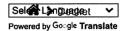
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Civil Court Case Information - Case History



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Case Information

Case Number: CV2021-016818 File Date: 10/28/2021

Judge: Warner, Randall Location: Downtown

Case Type:

Party Information

Party Name Michael F Foy Jennifer Vinson Relationship Plaintiff

Male

Attorney Joel Brand

Defendant

Female

STACEY GOTTLIEB

Case Documents

Filing Date Description 12/3/2021 ORD - Order

Docket Date 12/3/2021

Filing Party

NOTE: ORDER EXTENDING TIME TO RESPOND TO COMPLAINT

12/1/2021

11/28/2021 MOT - Motion

NOTE: UNOPPOSED MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO RESPOND TO COMPLAINT

11/10/2021 AFS - Affidavit Of Service

11/12/2021

NOTE: JENNIFER VINSON

10/28/2021 COM - Complaint 10/28/2021

NOTE: Complaint in Tort

10/28/2021

CCN - Cert Arbitration - Not Subject

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NOTE: Certificate of Arbitration

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CSH - Coversheet

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NOTE: Civil Cover Sheet System Generated 10/28/2021 SUM - Summons

NOTE: Summons Jennifer Vinson System Generated

Case Calendar

There are no calendar events on file

Judgments

There are no judgments on file

EXHIBIT B

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DECLARATION OF JENNIFER VINSON IN SUPPORT OF NOTICE OF REMOVAL I, JENNIFER VINSON, upon my oath, declare and state as follows: 1. I am over 18 years of age and competent to make this declaration. 2. I am currently a resident of Seattle, Washington. 3. In March 2021, I moved to Seattle for work. I have been a resident of Seattle since that time. 4. I have no current plans to move back to Arizona. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated this 7th day of December, 2021. Jennifer Vinson